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Whitehall, August 10.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued, Declaring the Parliament shall be Prorogued until the First day of *October* next.

CHARLES R.

WHereas this present Parliament was Prorogued from the First day of this instant August, unto the Nine and twentieth day of the same month; And whereas His Majesty did Issue His Proclamation of the Second day of this month, Signifying His Royal Pleasure, That both Houses should not only meet upon the said Nine and twentieth day of August, but should continue then to Sit, for the Dispatch of divers weighty Affairs which should then be Proposed and Debated; His Majesty now taking into His Consideration, That the State of Affairs abroad is much changed since that His Proclamation, Hath therefore thought fit (with the Advice of His Privy Council) to Publish and Declare, And His Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare His Royal Pleasure, That the Two Houses of Parliament shall upon the said Nine and twentieth of August be further Prorogued to the First day of October next, And that they shall then continue to Sit for the Dispatch of divers weighty Matters which shall be then Proposed and Debated.

And His Majesty being desirous, in respect of the Importance of those Affairs, to have on the said First of October, a full Assembly of the Members of both Houses of Parliament, Doth hereby Require and Command all and every the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of Commons, to give their Attendance at Westminster on the said First day of October next; letting them know, that He will not at the said Nine and twentieth day of August instant, expect the Attendance of any, but only such as being in or about the Cities of London or Westminster, may Attend the making of the said Prorogation: And His Majesty doth expect a ready Conformity to this His Royal Will and Pleasure.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Eighth day of *August* 1678. And in the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Hamburgh, Aug. 10. We have had news here, that the Fortress of *Babus* was surrendred to the Sieur *Guldenlieu* the 27 past, and that the King of *Denmark* had relieved *Christianstadt*; neither of which is confirmed by the Letters we receive this day from *Denmark*: They tell us on the contrary, that *Babus* held out still, and that the *Suedes* were so advantageously posted at *Christianstadt*, that there was not any likelihood of the King of *Denmarks* relieving the place, unless he could oblige them to quit their station, by cutting off their Provisions, which his Majesty, it seems, was resolved to attempt. In *Pomeren* the *Brandenburgh* Troops block up *Gripswaldt*; and it is not doubted but we shall very shortly hear that they have besieged *Straelsond*. Count *Coningsmark* continues with what *Suedish* Troops he has in the Isle of *Rugen*, which he will endeavor to secure against all the attempts of the Enemy.

Strasburgh, Aug. 8. The 6th instant, the *French*, after having demolished the Fort of *Kiel*, taken away the Cannon, &c. that was there, set fire to the Houses, and to the Bridge, and so retired. To morrow the Mareschal *de Crequi* will pass the *Rhine* at *Altenheim*, his Cannon is already on this side. The Sieur *de Monclar* is posted at *Ruprechtschaw*; he seems to have a design to attack the two Forts which guard our Bridge on this side, but hitherto he has not made any attempt upon them.

Brussels, Aug. 12. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* decamped from *Enghien*, intending to march directly towards the Enemy, as had been resolved at a Council of War. His Highness being in the head of his Army, which had the Vanguard, notice was given him, that the Enemy was also decamped, and marched towards *Cambron*; whereupon the Prince made a halt, resolving to change his march to the right, and in the interim sent out Parties to learn the Enemies motions, who returned, and assured his Highness, that the Enemy were returned to their Camp at *Soignies*; whereupon his Highness resolved to encamp at *Steenkerke*, about a League and half from the Enemies Camp. This day his Highness resolved to advance nearer to the Enemy, and to succor *Mons* at any rate.

Ditto, Aug. 16. There has been a most sharp Engagement between the two Armies near *Mons*, which began on Sunday at three in the afternoon, (the Prince of *Orange* attacking the Enemy in their Camp) and lasted till night, with a great slaughter on both sides. We have not as yet all the particulars, only in general, That we have beaten the Enemy from their Post at *St. Denis*, and that our Army is now encamped where the *French* (who are retired nearer to *Mons*) were before the Fight. The Prince of *Orange*, and the Duke of *Monmouth*, (which latter arrived in the Army some hours before) were for several hours engaged in the hottest of the Action, but, God be thanked, came off without any hurt. The Count *Horne*, General of the Artillery to the Prince of *Orange*, is come hither, to send Ammunition and other Necessaries to the Army.

Lille, Aug. 17. The Letters we have from our Army give us an Account of a very sharp Action which passed between them and the Enemy the 14 instant: All the particulars we have are, That that day about noon, the Prince of *Orange* advanced towards our Army to attack it, which was posted so very advantageously, as to be even surprized at the boldness of the design; but that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* immediately gave the necessary Orders, and using great diligence, took such Posts as were most advantageous: The two Armies were soon very near each other, began to make use of their Cannon, and presently after fell into Action; the Fight lasted from three in the